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What College-Bound Juniors Should Be Doing NOW!

1. Traditionally, Juniors take the SAT Reasoning Test (SAT I) in May or June of eleventh grade and if they think they can do better with further study, again in October, November, or possibly December of twelfth grade. **You must register and pay online at www.collegeboard.com before the appropriate deadline.**

It is recommended that all students send scores to **CUNY UAPC (CUNY application processing center) - code 2950** as one of the 4 free score reports that you are allowed when registering for the SAT. A limited supply of test registration booklets are available in the Guidance Suite (room 134) for students who would rather register and pay for the test by mail, **Keep in mind however that you must create an account online at www.collegeboard.com in order to receive your test scores quickly (approximately 2 weeks), to send your scores to colleges, and to print an SAT test admission ticket.**

2. Juniors who believe they will be applying to some of the more selective colleges may also need to prepare for and take the SAT Subject Tests (formerly called SAT IIs). If colleges require SAT II tests at all, often they want two or three to be taken (sometimes specified, sometimes not). SAT Subject Tests (SAT IIs) are each an hour and are given on the same dates as the SAT I. You can not take both SAT I and SAT II on the same date. It only makes sense to take SAT II tests if you will be applying to colleges that require or recommend them, otherwise you will be better served by concentrating your efforts on the SAT Reasoning Test (formerly SAT I).

3. You should plan to study and take practice exams for the SAT (and SAT II if applicable). In general the more you study, the better you will do. There are prep courses available at Bayside High School, as well as several books (Barrons, Gruber, Ten Real SATs, Cracking the SAT, etc.).

4. Check out www.collegeview.com, www.fastweb.com, www.princetonreview.com, www.petersons.com, www.nycareerzone.org, www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm, for information about colleges, scholarships, and careers.

Check out www.collegeboard.com/quickstart and www.myroad.collegeboard.com for comprehensive college planning, including a detailed online PSAT score report, SAT study plan, college matches, and major and career matches. These are very helpful sites and it is recommended that all Juniors visit this site and use the information provided.